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1. The daily newspaper Yeni Istanbul was founded by Habib Edip Torehan. Although it professes to be non-partisan, the paper is, according to informant, actually very partisan, with strong pro-German, pro-Arab, and anti-Israeli leanings and is intended to promote among influential Turks a pro-German economic and political policy, as well as to enhance Torehan's prestige in Turkey.

Operation

2. Torehan has formed a publishing and advertising firm called Istanbul Negriyat Limited Şirketi for the publication of his newspaper and the promotion of lesser enterprises of which he is the major financial backer. He has initially invested one million Turkish lira for this venture and is giving the newspaper a trial period of three to four years, during which time he is prepared to operate at a financial loss. This operating company was established in opposition to the advertising company, İlanet Şirketi, which is controlled by Kemal (fnu),* Samanon (fnu),* Hoffer (fnu),* and Houli (fnu).* This latter firm, pro-Israeli and a supporter of Cumhuriyet, Vatan, and Akşam, boycotts Yeni Istanbul. Torehan, who has opened branch offices in Paris, Bonn, Switzerland, and Austria, states that Yeni Istanbul strives to imitate the London Times and Le Monde of Paris.

The Owner

3. Habib Edip Torehan, the owner of Yeni Istanbul, amassed a fortune of forty to fifty million Turkish lira during World War II, assisted by his enterprising German wife, by exporting cotton and tobacco to Germany.

Staff

4. Faruk Sunter is the Administrative Director and a close friend of Torehan. He has been entrusted with the entire direction of the paper by Torehan while the latter lives in Switzerland. Sunter has no experience as a publicist or a journalist and is regarded by informant as very pro-German.

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5. Burhan Gerge is the editor-in-chief and is a well-known journalist and professional publicist. His salary is TL 1500 per month; and, according to source, his sympathies are with the Halk Party. Recently he started a special periodical of his own, called Lettres Politiques, to which he does not attach his name.
6. Robert Guyon is one of the principal writers on the editorial staff, for which he receives a salary of TL 500 per month. He writes under the name of Selim Sabit.
7. Aurel Decei, former Rumanian Press Attaché and professor of Oriental Languages at the University of Bucharest, is the head archivist, writer, and translator.
8. The majority of the writers for the newspaper are professors at Istanbul University and the technical schools of Istanbul. The staff of Yeni Istanbul is the highest paid of any journalistic staff in Turkey.

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Comment. According to the Istanbul telephone directory, Salih Kemal, Davud Samanov, Ernest Hoffer, and Jak Houli are associated with Ilancilik Kollektif (advertising associates) of Istanbul.

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